

### III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- PLEASE FIND BELOW A MARKED VERSION OF CLAIMS WITH PRESENT STATUS DELINEATED
  - THE CLAIMS ARE HEREIN AMENDED, CANCELED, OR ADDED TO, SO AS TO EVENTUATE IN THE NEW SET OF PENDING CLAIMS INDICATED BELOW. THIS LISTING OF CLAIMS WILL REPLACE ALL PRIOR VERSIONS AND LISTING OF CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION.

#### Claim Listing:

1. (CANCELED)
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6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method implemented in a computer system comprising at least one server including a storage device storing data bases, files, program routines, and a communication network, for a trading company (TC) supporting security-trade financing for facilitating growth of a capital seeking company (CSC) having deficient assets, comprising the programmed sequential steps of:
  - (a) processing and/or storing data identifying inventory allocations and inventory components ~~desired by the CSC~~ in an inventory of products identified by the CSC;

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(b) ~~calculating a total security finance plan cost basis~~ actual or estimated total cost basis for products in the inventory based on the inventory allocations and ~~cost bases of the inventory components processed or stored in step (a);~~

(c) ~~calculating a cash-credit ratio between 1/99 and 99/1~~ obtaining a valuation of the CSC using one of a number of accepted valuation methods;

(d) ~~calculating one, or more than one, cash/trade-credit blend based on the actual or estimated total plan cost basis and the valuation of the CSC obtained~~ desired plan cost basis, the cash-credit ratio, and one or more than one investment value; and

(e) ~~outputting one, or more than one, cash/trade-credit blend for security-trade type financing of the CSC growth by the TC.~~

7. (CANCELED)

8. (CANCELED)

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the inventory components are selected from the group consisting of one or more than one category of inventory products ~~and one or more than one particular inventory product.~~

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16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as recited in Claim 6, further including the programmed step of storing a range of investment values and an increment value for use in calculating the cash/trade-credit blends.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the programmed step of calculating ~~a total plan cost basis based on the inventory allocations and the cost bases of the inventory components~~ actual or estimated total cost basis comprises discounting each inventory component by a rate-card discount.

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29. (CANCELED)

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-implemented data processing system for supporting a security-trade financing plan by a trading company (TC) calculated for a capital seeking company (CSC) to facilitate growth while holding a limited number of deficient assets, comprising in one or more than one server:

a storage device for a trading company storing data for identifying trade-financing inventory components and corresponding cost bases;

a processor in communication with the storage device, wherein the processor is operative to[[:]] :

(a) store data in the storage device for identifying inventory allocations and certain inventory components desired by the deficient-asset capital-seeking company,

a desired plan cost basis, and

one or more than one investment value;

(b) calculate a total plan cost basis based on the inventory allocations and the cost bases of the certain inventory components desired by the deficient asset capital-seeking company;

(c) ~~calculate a cash-credit ratio between 1/99 and 99/4~~ obtain a valuation of the CSC using one of a number of accepted valuation methods ;

(d) ~~calculate cash/trade-credit blends based on the desired plan cost basis, the cash-credit ratio, and the investment value~~ actual or estimated total cost ; and

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(e) output the cash/trade-credit blends payable by the CSC in exchange for trade products and cash investment from the security finance trading company.

31. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The data processing system as recited in Claim 30, wherein the desired plan cost basis is based on valuations of the deficient asset company.

32. **(CANCELED)**

33. **(CANCELED)**

34. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The data processing system as recited in Claim 30, wherein the inventory components are selected from one or more than one category of inventory products and one or more than one particular inventory product.

35. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** The data processing system as recited in Claim ~~33~~ 30, wherein the processor is further operative to store data identifying each of the categories of inventory products and data for identifying each of the particular inventory products in an inventory data base.

36. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The data processing system as recited in Claim 34, wherein the processor is further operative to store data identifying an actual cost basis of each of the particular inventory products.

37. **(CANCELED)**

38. **(CANCELED)**

39. **(CANCELED)**

40. **(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** The data processing system as recited in Claim 30, wherein the processor is further operative to store a range of investment values and an increment value for calculating the cash/trade-credit blends.

41. **(CANCELED)**